CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



Exploring a National Treasure Part 2

THE INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTH

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- 1839-A 136 acre farm on Old York Road was purchased.
- 1846-Farm school closed for re-evaluation. Farm sold.
- 1849 to 52-Evening school started at Barclay St., Philadelphia.
- 1852 to 53-School moved to Seventh and Lombard St. Day time, Coed education initiated.
- 1852-Grace A. Mapps hired. 1st professional female teacher at Cheyney.
- 1853-Library and Reading Room opened. Sarah Mapps Douglass merges her girls only school with ICY.

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- 1855-1st Annual Commencement.
- 1856 to 69-Ebenezer Don Carlos Bassett, 2nd Principal and 1st African American diplomat.
- 1857-Evening school closes.
- 1859-Martha A. Fairbeau (Minton), 1st female graduate.
- 1863-Ninth and Bainbridge St. (then Shippen St.) site purchased.
- 1866-ICY moved to Bainbridge St. building.
- 1869 to 1902-Fanny M. Jackson-Coppin, 3rd Principal.